

CLEVELAND TO GULF

IMPROVED WATERWAY THAT WILL TOUCH MASSILLON

State Board of Public Works Approves Work Done and Asks for Another Appropriation.

Columbus, O., Dec. 24.—The state board of public works declares in its annual report filed here that the canal will soon be rehabilitated if the policy of partial appropriations for their betterment is continued. Under this policy \$73,052 of the \$200,000 appropriation for the deepening and widening of the northern division of the Ohio canal had been spent by Nov. 15 between Cleveland and Akron. Had it not been for litigation over the contracts, causing much delay of four months, the stretch of waterway between these two cities would have been finished.

The improvement when completed, by the joint efforts of the United States and state governments, will provide an open waterway from Lake Erie to the Gulf of Mexico by canal from Cleveland, by way of Massillon, to Dresden and hence by the Muskingum, Ohio and Mississippi rivers. A further appropriation of \$250,000 for continuing this work is asked. The amount expended for the year to meet emergency amounted to \$38,863.

The board recommended the building of concrete locks from New Bremen to Deane on the Miami and Erie canal, and an appropriation of \$256,550 for the permanent improvement of this canal between Cincinnati and Dayton. It also asks that the balances and earnings and \$50,000 be appropriated for maintenance and repair.

The board states that the physical condition of the southern division of the Ohio canal is bad, but despite that recommends its retention and an appropriation of the balances and earnings and \$25,000 for its maintenance.

The secretary's report shows that the revenue received from all sources including appropriation, aggregated for the year \$407,677. Total expenditures were \$447,504, leaving a deficit of \$38,863.

The reported collections of tolls at all offices amounted to \$6,851; water leases \$27,216.97; pipe permits \$33,677.

MUCH MONEY SENT

MONEY ORDER DEPARTMENT AT POSTOFFICE A BUSY PLACE

Several Hundreds of Dollars Mailed Out of Canton by Foreigners in Past Two Weeks.

For more than two weeks the clerks in the money order department at the Canton postoffice have been busy sending to foreign countries Christmas money from the foreigners living in this city.

For many years the bulk of the money sent to the old country has been sent by foreign "bankers." A few of the latter are honest, but many of them have not been and the poor foreigners who entrusted their earnings to their tender mercies discovered that the money crossed the pond but remained in the pockets of the "bankers." They are gradually learning that Uncle Sam makes prompt deliveries of money at reasonable rates.

Several hundreds of dollars have been sent to foreign lands from Canton in the past two weeks. But much of this, postoffice employees say, will not reach its destination in time for Christmas, which will cause a lot of disappointment.

SANTA CLAUS SHOT

WAS DOING STUNTS ON THE ROOF OF A HIGH BUILDING

Small Boy With a Gun Almost Cost the Life of a "Steeple Jack" Who Held to the Edge.

Reading, Pa., Dec. 24.—Santa Claus has been shot and nearly put out of business.

While Charles Phillippi, a "steeple-jack" was doing "stunts" on the roof of a department store last night, toggled out as "Santa Claus" a boy on the street was seen to take aim at him with a Flobert rifle and fire. The ball went up Santa's nostril and came within a hairbreadth of entering his brain.

Santa grasped the edge of the roof just in time to prevent himself from falling from the five story building to the street. Spectators who saw his perilous condition notified the store management and he was rescued, bleeding profusely. He was at once given surgical attention. The boy shooter escaped.

Rescued the Crew.

Norfolk, Va., Dec. 24.—The small schooner E. H. Moore, from Norfolk to Wearneck, Va., has gone ashore near Little Island life saving station. The crew of two men were rescued by the life savers.

HERE IS RELIEF FOR WOMEN.

If you have pains in the back, urinary, bladder or kidney trouble and want a certain, pleasant herb remedy for women's ailments, try Mother Gray's "AUSTRIAN LEAF." It is a safe monthly regulator and cures all Female Weaknesses, including inflammation and ulcerations. MOTHER GRAY'S AUSTRIAN LEAF is sold by Druggists or sent by mail for 50 cents. Sample FREE. Address: The Mother Gray Co., Le Roy, N. Y.

A PAPERLESS TOWN

Salineville Obligated to Depend for Its News on Outside Sources.

Salineville, Dec. 24.—The Republican Signal, the only paper in the village, failed to make its appearance Friday morning. The office was closed Saturday of last week by the sheriff and the keys were placed in the hands of Deputy Sheriff John Higgins of this village. The sheriff has a judgment to execute upon the property claimed to belong to James H. Dodds, editor of the paper, but he made assignment several months ago and claims he owns nothing but his homestead rights in the newspaper plant, and claims from under the judgment exemption.

The office and material were appraised and the appraisement returned to the court. This makes the third time the office has been appraised by an order from the court and each time the editor has demanded his homestead exemption.

REMEMBER THE SICK

SALVATION ARMY WILL DISTRIBUTE BASKETS THIS MORNING.

More Than a Hundred Were Given Away at City Hall on Saturday. Children Also Substantially Remembered.

This morning the Salvation Army workers will distribute about a dozen baskets to the poor of Canton. These baskets will go to the sick who are unable to deliver their own baskets. That they will bring a lot of Christmas cheer goes without saying.

At the assembly room in the city hall Saturday Ensign Runcie and his aides gave out 120 baskets to the deserving poor in a corresponding number of families. Each basket was well filled with dainties, besides a full grown turkey that would tickle the palate of any epicurean. Everybody seemed well pleased with their gifts.

In all the Salvation Army lads and lassies raised \$650. This includes the pennies that were tossed into the kettles by generous residents of Canton, besides solicited donations, including one of \$100 from Mrs. McKinley.

Nearly 300 children appeared to share in the annual Christmas treat which consisted of candy, nuts, apples oranges and pop corn.

AMUSEMENTS.

So exacting and fatiguing is the role of "Jessie," (The Little Mother) in "The Fatal Wedding," which will be the attraction at the Grand Thursday, Dec. 28, that Sullivan, Harris & Woods have engaged the services of two child artists, the Misses Gusso Shires and Queenie Marble to interpret the part. Each of these very young women will alternate with the other at the various performances, thus giving each from four to five performances a week, instead of the usual nine. This character of "The Little Mother" is one that appeals instantly to every feminine heart, and to that fact may be ascribed much of the success of this remarkable melodrama.

It is a pleasure to announce that Denman Thompson's quaint chronicle of rustic life in the New Hampshire valleys, "The Old Homestead," is booked to appear here. The twenty years of life that this remarkable play has had is a striking tribute to its power to please a large class of theatre-goers, who find in its homely sentiment, flashes of wit, lovable characters and meadow-tinged atmosphere a refreshing change from the glare and tinsel of the spectacular. The cast and scenic embellishment in the coming engagement are promised to be of the same high order of excellence which Mr. Thompson has always provided. The special musical feature, the double quartette and the grand choir in the Grace Church scene are said to be as effective as in previous years.

One of the famous dinners under the auspices of "The Gridiron Club," the well known Washington organization, will be turned into a melange of mirth and music by the comedians of the A. G. Field Greater Minstrels this season, for a burlesque banquet, attended by many notables of the day who will be readily recognized, will be part of the entertainment now in preparation for the twenty-first annual tour of the Greater Minstrels at the Grand Wednesday, Dec. 27, matinee and night.

Wm. B. Gray's beautiful temperance drama, "The Volunteer Organizer" will be the attraction at the Grand Xmas matinee and night. The scenes of the play are laid in a small village in the northern part of Vermont, and the story is enlivened by several thrilling and pathetic scenes. One act shows a realistic snowstorm, with the snow heaped up in great piles, such as is only found in the open country. During the storm a child is seen struggling through the vast drifts and finally falls exhausted by the roadside. Two beautiful St. Bernard dogs appear upon the scene and rescue the little one. This scene provokes great enthusiasm with audiences and may be classed as one of the strongest in the play. Another act shows the interior of a church with its organ, pulpit, choir loft and the choir boys singing.

TRADE SHOWS AN INCREASE

Holiday Business Exceeded That of Last Year. Most People Bought Useful Articles for Gifts, Instead of Toys and Nick-Nacks.

The holiday business in Canton stores during the past week or two was a great increase over last year's showing. In all lines business was booming and merchants in general reported that the holiday trade as a whole was much better than during previous years. It was noticed by many that there were not so many of the little novelties that are produced each year for the Christmas trade, disposed of. People seemed to wish to give away useful articles for Christmas presents and not the ornamental nick-nacks that were bought so much formerly.

One merchant reported that he had not sold so many toys as last year, but taking his business in general he had been far more successful this year than in previous years. Of course, a large quantity of toys were bought but not so many as last year. More useful presents are gradually beginning to supplant toys in many households. This year, pictures, so many of which were sold last Christmas, seemed to be a drag on the market. People would hardly glance at them, when last year they were one of the principal articles sold.

The following are the statements of some of Canton's merchants, who could be seen, as to the holiday business:

William R. Zollinger, of W. R. Zollinger & Co. "We have done an extraordinary business during the past few weeks. It has been much better than during previous years. According to my observation the sale of articles in our store has been about evenly distributed, with the exception that people did not buy as many Christmas novelties as they did last year."

Leo Abt, of Leo Abt & Sons. "To tell it in a few words, our business during

the holiday rush has been very satisfactory."

Lewis Zollars, of David Zollars & Son. "We have done the largest business during the present week than at any time during our history. It has been most encouraging. Of course we do not handle toys and other special Christmas goods, but to speak of our business during December, the past week, or of last Saturday I would say it has been very good."

Henry Mann, of Stern & Mann. "Our holiday business has been very satisfactory, in fact it exceeded our expectations. The toys did not go quite as well as last Christmas, but our business in general was a great increase over that of previous years."

Harry Rose. "How has our holiday business been? First rate; the last few days it was exceptionally good, far better than that of former years. I noticed that more shoes were purchased this year for Christmas presents, than heretofore."

H. Cohen, of the Globe Clothing Co. "Our sales during the holiday rush were very good. They have exceeded those of last year."

Geo. W. Bates, manager of the S. H. Knox Co. "Business was fine. We could not have asked for anything better."

Harry Smith, of Schoner & Smith. "We have done much better during the last week than we have ever done."

Stephen Francis. "I have done very good during the past few weeks. Sewing and washing machines sold about the same as last year, but sweaters and other smaller articles for household use went much better than they ever did. I noticed that people are giving away more useful articles this year than they have been doing during previous years."

DOINGS OF POLICE

MAYOR SMITH HOLDS AN AUCTION AND GETS MORE CHRISTMAS MONEY

Fred Feikert Who Threatened Several Women Gets a Heavy Fine. Pockpockets Again Busy.

Forty-seven envelopes, containing unredemmed pledges furnished by prisoners, were opened at the city hall Saturday, and their contents disposed of by Mayor Smith at public auction. Watches were sold anywhere from 25 cents to \$7.60. A number of revolvers and knives were also among the articles sold. There were a few finger rings, besides a number of razors that had seen better days. Together the articles brought \$48.20, which will be divided among the officers and the mayor to cover costs in the various cases.

Mayor Smith says he is endeavoring to get City Solicitor Hughes and Attorney Welty together so he can dispose of the street car schedule cases before he drops out of public view, about January 1.

Fred Feikert received a Christmas package of \$15 and costs from Mayor Smith on Saturday. Feikert was arrested for threatening to kill several women, including his mother. He pleaded not guilty at first, but changed his tune when confronted by his boarding mistress and some of her boarders.

Richard Johnson will tell Mayor Smith this morning why he got mad and broke up a lot of dishes at his home in East Ninth street. "Dick" was arrested Saturday by Policeman Dicks on complaint of his wife. Johnson furnished \$10 for his appearance this morning.

Pickpockets are at work in Canton again. Frank Hardwick has reported to the police that some one stole an elk head emblem from his watch chain. It was a present from an excited ruler and was set with diamonds. No clue to the thief has been secured.

FATHER DUNNE

Will Say His First Mass at St. John's Church This Morning.

Timothy A. Dunne, whose parents reside on Dunne avenue, north of Canton, was ordained into the Catholic priesthood at the Cathedral, in Cleveland, Saturday morning at 8 o'clock by Rt. Rev. Bishop Horstmann. Rev. Clement Treiber of St. Joseph's church, W. D. Caldwell, Michael Bast and several other Cantonians were present, besides ten priests from Northern Ohio. Father Dunne will say his first high mass at St. John's church this morning at 9:45.

SECRETARY P.

By the collapse of a ice house being Baltimore, Md. railroad, three of the Navy Bore, eight carpenters principal speakers feet to the ground entertainment, they were taken to Columbus at while Thomas O'Connor, and Carl Parker, of number of large were taken to a hospital will probably recover.

CLASSIC PROGRAM

WAS RENDERED AT THE AUDITORIUM SUNDAY

Scored a Truly Artistic Success at the Concert—Roger Crane's Review of the Participants.

The "Pop" concert at the Auditorium Sunday afternoon attracted only a fair sized audience, but the program was intensely classical and the second concert company sent here by the Colt Lyceum Bureau of Cleveland, scored a truly artistic success. A remarkable coincidence was that the opening number yesterday and a week ago was "Adoration," by Borowsky. Sunday, a week ago, it was played by the Cremona orchestra, and yesterday by Miss A. Emily Root, the distinguished Cleveland violinist. "Pop" audiences will soon be familiar with the piece, sure, but Miss Root did not mutilate any of the composer's sweet notes and fell into the good graces of the audience at once. Henderson's "Tarentella" was rendered with rare feeling. She played the "Adagio of Ries," from Suite 3 and Bohm's "Perpetuum Mobile," given last week by the Cremona company. Walley's "Danse Trizigane" was Miss Root's final effort and she received warm approbation. She studied with Baesett in Cleveland and was later the pupil of Dr. Jeddler, of Berlin, Germany.

Miss Grace Benes, the pianist, was a revelation. Attacking first the Liszt adaptation of Wagner's "Flying Dutchman," she waded through the heavy piece like a conductor in the grand opera, displaying a power and precision in her movements which are rare in women players. Liszt's "Polinaise" afforded her opportunity for a more delicate shading and she quit the stage in a blaze of acquired glory. The audience was extreme in its applause.

Seldom indeed are grand opera singers seen and heard in "Pop" concerts, but the crowd Sunday heard a real prima donna. She is Mrs. Florence Ackley, the wife of a prominent gentleman of Warren, Ohio, by that name, although she appears on the stage as "Miss" Florence Ackley. At any rate, her sweet soprano notes made the aria from Verdi's "Il Trovatore" a fresh and crisp song of a bird in the breeze. Miss Ackley has volume, power and discriminating ability. Salter's "March Wind" and Becher's "Springtide," with violin obligato by Miss Root, gave the vocalist further scope and it must be said that she came the nearest estimating correctly the sounding qualities of her voice with reference to the building of any concert.

It is not to be expected that respect for original invitation, provided his terms are such as may be granted by the Philippine government, in view of the provisions of the acts of congress as set forth in the original invitation.

Rigdon-Jordan.

G. E. Rigdon and Miss Marguerite Jordan were married last night at the study of the First Christian church by the pastor, Rev. P. H. Weishimer. The couple will reside in this city. Mr. Rigdon is employed at the Carnegie Tin Mill.

COLUMBUS MECCA FOR THE EDUCATORS

Educational Alliance Association to Meet at University at Columbus This Week.

Columbus, O., Dec. 24.—Beginning with Tuesday and continuing throughout the week, the Educational alliance association of Ohio will hold its meeting in Columbus. The sessions will all be at the Ohio State university with the exception of two general meetings, Wednesday and Thursday evenings, in the auditorium of the board of trade.

The art department of the association will be at the university in Hayes hall and will include the exhibits of the public schools of Columbus.

It is also announced that at one of the general meetings, "Press will be delivered by General Charles H. Grosvenor, of Athens, on his experiences with the Taft party of its trip through the east.

CASTOR LIKES

HIS PRISON ANNEX AND IS REPORTED HAPPY

Former Canton Man Will Be Guarded Day and Night Until His Execution at Columbus.

Columbus, O., Dec. 24.—Fred Castor, murderer of Officer Davis, who was sentenced Friday afternoon to be electrocuted April 6, and was removed immediately to the penitentiary takes his imprisonment in the annex very coolly.

He declares he likes it there much better than at the county jail and laughs and jokes with his guards in the most unconcerned manner.

From this time until his electrocution he will be guarded at day by Dennis McKinley and at night by W. C. Krouse.

Admission to the annex is denied visitors.

The last electrocution at the penitentiary was March 24, 1905, when Herman Hamilton was executed.

GETS WHIPPLE

NEW PLAYER FOR CANTON ROLLER POLO TEAM

Schedule for the Team for the Ensuing Week Is Announced by Manager Wilson.

The following is the roller polo league schedule for the week commencing December 25:

Matinee, December 25, Canton at Akron; New Castle at Warren; Youngstown at Niles, December 25 in the evening—Akron at Canton, Warren at New Castle, Niles at Youngstown; December 26th—Akron at Warren, New Castle at Youngstown; December 27th—Niles at Youngstown, New Castle at Akron; December 28th—Niles at Youngstown, Warren at Canton; December 29th—Canton at Warren, New Castle at Akron; December 30th—Canton at Niles.

Manager Wilson of the local roller polo team stated that he has released Smith and at great expense he has succeeded in getting Whipple, from Manager Canyon of the Ft. Wayne team of the Central league. Whipple is a star of the Central league and will be put on the rush line at the matinee game Monday afternoon.

WAS EJECTED

From a Pool Room and Shot His Adversary—May Be Fatal.

Pittsburg, Pa., Dec. 24.—Because he had been whipped and ejected from a pool room the night before by William Mills, a negro, John Nichols, Jr., accompanied by his father went to Mills' home at Oakdale early this morning and calling the negro from his bed the younger man shot him in the stomach, inflicting a probably fatal wound. Nichols escaped after the shooting but his father was arrested.

DEATH OF MRS. STERLING

Had Come to Canton for a Visit—To Be Taken to Orrville.

Mrs. F. M. Sterling, who was visiting at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Carnes of 225 East Tenth street, died at the Aultman hospital Sunday morning. She formerly resided at Carrollton and at present her husband is a retired merchant at Orrville. She will be removed to her home at 2:25 Monday afternoon.

AS EVIDENCE

The Officers Took a Bottle of Whiskey to Show That the Sunday

work, which will take several days. The report was filed in September and then published. The original report is missing so they are examining the report from the one published. The report of the examination will be made public, after having been filed with Judge Ambler.

SERIOUSLY AFFLICTED

Mrs. Biddle, of Navarre, Suffers Third Fracture of Hip.

Navarre, Dec. 21.—Mrs. Eliza McCormick Biddle had another serious accident befall her last Sunday afternoon as she returned from vesper. Two little boys while playing ran against her, throwing her down and breaking her right hip. Dr. A. H. Gans, of Massillon, was called and reduced the fracture. Twice before in the last two years she fell, and each time broke her left hip. It is now feared she will be a cripple.

SANDLES WOULD BE SENATE CLERK

ANNOUNCES CANDIDACY AND THEN WARNS CHAIRMAN GARBER

W. C. Wallace Said to Be in Line for Appointment as Surveyor of Port at Columbus.

Columbus, O., Dec. 24.—Alfred P. Sandles of Putnam, arrived in Columbus yesterday and made announcement to State Chairman Garber and to others, that he is a candidate for chief clerk of the senate. The announcement was unwelcome, both to Col. Wm. A. Taylor, the Columbus candidate for this position and to Bert Barlow, the Butler county entry. This is the second time Sandles has jumped into a contest at the eleventh hour. The first time was a year ago, when he walked away with the nomination for secretary of state.

The new candidate lost no time after dropping on the train yesterday, but went at once to Democratic state headquarters and told Chairman Garber he wanted a "square deal." What he meant by that may be guessed from the report that Chairman Garber favors Barlow.

The new candidate is a member of the state board of agriculture. He belongs to the Johnson-Bryan wing of the party. He has the advantage of residence in the western tier of counties whence come most of the Democratic senators, except the Cleveland and Cincinnati delegations. He managed the campaign in the Thirty-third senatorial district which elected Boehmer and Beatty.

Congressman Taylor is expected home today and as Senator Dick has said the man whom he will recommend for appointment to succeed Surveyor Miller must be satisfactory to Taylor, the first congressional Christmas in the Taylor homestead is likely to be interrupted by the ringing of telephone and door bells.

Because of the close friendship between the congressman and ex-President W. C. Kennedy of the Buckeye club, his name has leaped into prominence in the current gossip. General John C. Speaks is thought by many to be in the brightest rays of the limelight.

However, it was ascertained yesterday that Senator Dick is inclined to consider William C. Wallace as the strongest man for the place. All this is on the supposition that Dick is to make the final selection.

Washington chronicles of political changes have recorded that the two Ohio senators led on, perhaps, by the presence of the season of peace on earth, and prodded behind by "big Bill Taft," as Roosevelt calls him, have decided to divide patronage amicably.

This would mean Foraker's concession of this appointment to Dick as it is Dick's turn.

At invitation of Judge Tod B. Galle, secretary to Governor Herlick, Senator Lewis B. Houck, prospective secretary to Governor Pattison, visited the governor's office yesterday. In Houck's case there is no need of "learning the ropes," as his two years at the capitol as a legislator served to make the routine work of the executive office as familiar to him as that of the senate.

WIFE'S DESERTION

MAY HAVE HELPED TO DEFEAT FITZ

Bob Knew of Her Act Two Days Before the Fight and Wanted to Cancel the Agreement.

San Francisco, Cal., Dec. 24.—Fight fans learned today for the first time that Bob Fitzsimmons was aware of his wife's desertion before he went into the ring at Mechanics pavilion with Jack O'Brien on Wednesday night and that he was with difficulty persuaded by Leon Friedman, his manager, to keep the engagement.

After he had started training at Crofts his wife ceased to correspond and Bob wired, asking what had happened. He got no answer. He wired again with the same result.

Two days before the battle with O'Brien he received a package through the mails addressed in Julia's hand. When he opened it he found photographs of his children, which he had given to his young wife.

At first Fitzsimmons was bent upon throwing up his agreement with O'Brien and hurrying back to New York. But as the calmer counsel of his manager prevailed, he decided to go into the ring and fight as best he could.

work, which will take several days. The report was filed in September and then published. The original report is missing so they are examining the report from the one published. The report of the examination will be made public, after having been filed with Judge Ambler.

Serious Railroad Wreck. Chicago, Dec. 21.—One man was fatally injured, three seriously hurt, and a property loss of \$60,000 was caused in a wreck on the Pittsburg, Cincinnati, Chicago & St. Louis railroad at Hartsdale, Ind., today. Traffic on the Panhandle was interrupted for many hours on account of the wreck. A defective switch is said to have caused the accident.